

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING APRIL 29, 2008

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met April 29, 2008, by published call in the County Board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bud Jeffries.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Scott Arnold.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Robert Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Robert Rye and Daniel Wagoner. Pamela Lancaster was absent. Also present was County Attorney Mark Young.

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING LAW - Chairman Jeffries read the notice of open meeting law.

CONSENT AGENDA – Rye made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Placed on file the minutes of the April 15, 2008 meeting
2. 5 Approved Resolution #08-032 Month of May as Tourism Month
3. 6 Approved Resolution #08-033 for additional collateral for Bank of Doniphan in the amount of \$200,000.00
4. 7a Approved Resolution #08-034 for additional collateral for Wells Fargo Bank in the amount of \$505,000.00
5. 7b approved Resolution #08-035 for withdrawal of collateral for Wells Fargo Bank in the amount of \$70,000.00
6. 10 Received and placed on file the Tort claim from Gary Zierke
7. 12 Placed on file communication from Regional Planning
8. 13 Approved the bi weekly pay claims
9. 15 Placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
10. 16 Placed on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Lancaster absent. Motion carried.

1a JIM GRAVES WITH NIRMA – Jim Graves with the NIRMA board was present and stated that he is visiting the counties in his area to thank the county for participating in the NIRMA pool. Hall County was one of the first counties in the pool. He presented a clock to the County Board in appreciation of their participation. He recognized Stacy Ruzicka as the Hall County contact person. He stated that Nirma had offered a 100,000.00 life insurance policy to county employees but that has been discontinued, but they may look at it again some other time. He presented Hall County with a clock in appreciation for their participation in the NIRMA pool.

9:05 a.m. Held a Board of Equalization meeting.

Returned to regular session.

County Clerk Marla County read the Tourism Proclamation and presented a copy to Renee Seifert with the Convention and Visitor Bureau. Renee presented packets to the board members. She stated that they have a new web site and they are looking to expand into the sport and travel market. They received some funding from the State to assist with this project. She also stated that they have taken over the issues with the crane viewing. She stated she may request to be on the agenda in the near future to go over the marketing plan.

SCOTT DUGAN MID PLAINS CENTER – Scott Dugan CEO with Mid Plains Center, Dick Hartman, Chairman of the Board, Herman Schuett board member from Merrick County and two staff members were present.

Mr. Dugan stated that he would like the acquisitions from one county Board member to end. They have received request for documentation and have been subjected to 3 inquiries from the State Auditor's and on all occasions they were in full compliance. He is here today with the board members and staff to express concern that these actions are unprofessional and almost harassing. They serve 3000 families in Hall County and try to serve them well.

Dick Hartman stated that he has concerns that these acquisitions keep going on. They provide a good service to Hall County. He has been on the board for 20 years and they have come a long way. They take care of people the best way they can.

Arnold stated that the audit was clean and there were no issues. He also stated that he appreciates the new facility.

Eriksen stated that he would like them to give a progress report on the operations of the new facility since it opened in September 2007.

Mr. Dugan stated that from July 1 2007 to March 2008 they did 987 risk assessments, served 187 people in the detox center. Of the number of people served 550 were from Hall County. The hope this facility will make a difference on the number of EPC cases and mental health hearings.

Chairman Jeffries called for a 5 minute break.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Jeffries called for public participation and no one responded.

8 CORRECTION STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING CONTRACT WITH DLR FOR REMODEL OF COURT HOLDING AREA IN OLD JAIL FACILITY – Correction Director Fred Ruiz was present this item was on the agenda two weeks ago and the board asked for more information. He provided the board members with information regarding the cost that DLR is charging.

Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the contract with DLR for the remodeling of the court holding area.

Wagoner questioned if they had looked at having building and Grounds remove the door if it is not used. Discussion was held on whether or not the door could be removed and how it would affect the safety issues. Ruiz noted that the tunnel is currently divided into three sections to provide the necessary security.

Eriksen stated that he appreciated the additional information address the lock and the video system. Mr. Ruiz stated that R & N Securities are very good and provide the necessary expertise for this project. He stated that he can certainly ask if it would be possible to remove the door.

The vote on the motion to approve the contract with DLR was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no with Lancaster absent. Motion carried.

9 FINAL REPORT ON THE LEGISLATIVE BILLS – Stacey Ruzicka provided the board member with information. She updated the board on some of the bills that have been approved.

- LB487 regarding the Ombudsman authority with respect to county jails
- LB846 regarding wholesale tax on fuel to increase funding for roads
- Lb1068 regarding the road classification of remote residential roads
- LB1116 the state fair bill

The other bills are on general file, in committee or are bracketed.

11. APPROVE BID SPECS AND BID OPENING FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR HALL COUNTY BUILDINGS - The information was included in the board member's packet. Arnold stated that J & D Janitorial cannot continue the contract as of June 30, 2008 so it is necessary to go out for formal bids.

Arnold made a motion and Rye seconded to approve the bid specs for the janitorial services.

Eriksen questioned how the services for the court house annex and the administration offices in the new corrections department would be handled. The corrections department will be a separate contract and the services are bid by the number of square feet.

Wagoner questioned if the contract could be separate vendors and to be sure the security issues are addressed. This will be evaluated when the bids are received.

Eriksen questioned how the square footage could be determined at the courthouse annex since it may still be in the remodeling process. Discussion was held and Stacey Ruzicka and Mark Young stated that it may be a good idea to also make this a separate contract.

Arnold made a motion and Rye seconded to amend the motion to accept separate bids for the corrections department. He suggested negotiating on the cost for cleaning the annex. Mark Young suggested making it three separate bids.

Discussion was held and Arnold amend the motion to remove the courthouse annex and include a price per square foot for additional services.

The bid opening will be held May 27 at 10:00 a.m. with bids due by 4:00 p.m. on May 23.

The vote on the motion was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Lancaster absent. Jeffries and Wagoner voted no. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE OR BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS - Wagoner he attended the CNCS meeting in Loup City and the Head Start Program was being reviewed and they received good marks.

The facilities committee is addressing the findings from the Fire Marshall and they are addressing the issues. One of the boilers in the County Attorney's building failed but it is being repaired.

Eriksen stated that he received some communications from the Department of the Army that they are processing the transfer of the land to the Economic Development Corporation.

Jeffries stated that there is another problem at the disposal plant. It affects on 1 mile in Hall County but Merrick County has 20 miles that they are very concerned about. He also reported that there are some concerns about Nebraska Solvents across from the new jail and some of the wells are contaminated.

Eriksen stated that the Central District Health Department is also working with the State regarding the problems at the disposal plant.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Jeffries called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned the next meeting will be May 13, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk